

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
Community Crisis Plan & Police Community Relations Working Committee

MINUTES

Friday, May 11, 2007, 11:30 a.m.

The working committee meeting of the Human Relations Commission was held at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, May 11, 2007, at the Coffee Depot, 3204 Mission Inn Avenue, Riverside, CA 92507.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lorraine Saint, Chani Beeman, Gilberto Esquivel, Raj Singh, Georgia Warnke

STAFF PRESENT: Lizette Navarette

ALSO PRESENT: Sergeant Keenan Lambert

ABSENT: Suzanna Medina

EXCUSED: None

A quorum was established at 11:39 a.m. and the meeting was called to order.

SELF INTRODUCTIONS

Commissioners and public gave brief introductions.

PUBLIC INTRODUCTIONS

A member of the public stated that the 2nd floor of the Coffee Depot is not a proper location to host the committee meeting because the location is not ADA friendly.

REGULAR ITEMS

Chairperson's Report- Lorraine Saint

Chair presented proposed mission statement for the working committee. Also, stated that the current plan is to set goals and objectives for the working committee.

Community Crisis Plan

The working committee discussed "what if" scenarios. For example, Commissioner Esquivel presented on scenarios dealing with immigration and day laborers. He presented a concern for the safety of day workers and stated that a day labor center should be considered. The working committee further discussed the purpose of the committee's work and research as a way to develop a plan that can serve as advisory to the City. Also, stated that focusing on a day labor center is too specific; committee should focus on a community crisis plan.

Chair stated that the committee will focus on developing scenarios which can be evaluated for a needed response. Chair presented her selected "what if" situation highlighting the types of disasters and scenarios that

should be evaluated. She stated that the most important part is creating a response/communication process, and to educate and train the community; stated desire to become involved in Emergency Preparedness Day. Commissioners also discussed the importance of including local media like KGCI in the emergency response communication plan. General purpose is to fill in the gaps.

Vice Chair Beeman presented her selected "what if" situation on hate crime providing various community needs during a crisis of this sort, also addressing scenarios presented by the public. Commissioner Warnke further stated that the committee and HRC will need to be a source and forum for accurate information during a crisis, therefore must have access to reliable information. HRC must maintain relationships with various civic associations. Asked for suggestions and stated that the committee and public need to think together. Discussion extended to include knowledge of the City's current response strategy. Desire to ensure post-incident counseling and aftermath restoration are included in the plan. Sergeant Lambert gave an example of an effective Restoration of Justice Program that can be researched.

Police Community Relations

Sergeant Lambert presented and distributed an updated version of the RPD Liaison Program. Applications were also distributed for Commissioners that were interested in volunteering for the program. Commissioners asked how often the participants of the Liaison Program would have to meet. Sergeant Lambert explained it varies and depends on area. Public presented the idea of a crisis packet which includes resources and possible plans for affordable funeral and burial arrangements

Items for future agendas

Mission Statement review

Update on community crisis plan

- Restoration and aftermath planning

Police relations and liaison program update

- Police/community contacts approach

Further comments

Public discussed the reasons for Riverside Police's questions in community contacts.

Quorum was lost at 12:58

Questions for Sergeant Lambert continued. Commissioner comments continued on RPD checkpoints and public comments extended to the idea of bringing back RPD reports.

ADJOURNMENT

Comments were adjourned by Chair at 1:13 p.m.